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SUBJECT: LIBYAN MEDIA COMMENT ON CHAD

1. FEBRUARY 13 JANA POLITICAL EDITORIALS CRITICIZE EGYPTIAN
MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD AND WEST GERMAN NEWS REPORT OF
LIBYAN TROOPS FIGHTING IN NORTHERN CHAD.

2. LIBYAN MEDIA CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT SADAT, WHICH HAS
BEEN CONSIDERABLY MUTED IN RECENT WEEKS, REACTED FEBRUARY 13
TO SADAT'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN PARIS OF EGYPT'S INTENTION TO
CONTINUE ARMS SUPPLY TO CHAD. LOCAL COMMENTARY STATED THAT
SADAT IS ENGAGED IN ANOTHER ACT OF POLITICAL ACROBATICS TO
BE ADDED TO "SERIES OF TRAGIC COMEDIES." COMMENTARY CLAIMED
EGYPTIAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN ZAIRE LAST YEAR WAS A FARCE;
AS IS SADAT'S INTENTION TO AID CHAD WHILE ISRAELIS OCCUPY
SINAI. COMMENTARY DESCRIBED SADAT AS AN "HONORARY ZIONIST"
FOLLOWING HIS JERUSALEM TRIP, AND AS POLICEMAN OF
U.S. IN AFRICA. STATEMENT CONCLUDED THAT SADAT HAS
FINALLY SIDED WITH THOSE HOSTILE TO ARAB NATION AND
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ITS DESTINY.

3. JANA ALSO CRITICIZED WEST GERMAN "DEUTSCHE WELLE"
FOR BROADCAST ALLEGING INVOLVEMENT OF LIBYAN TROOPS
IN NORTHERN CHAD. JANA COMMENTARY EXPRESSED DOUBT
THAT GERMAN OR OTHER WESTERN MEDIA UNAWARE OF "WHAT'S
REALLY HAPPENING IN CHAD." JANA CLAIMED WESTERN MEDIA

AWARE FIGHTING IN CHAD HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR 20 YEARS,
WELL BEFORE QADHAFI'S REVOLUTION. EDITORIAL THEN
ASKS WHO BENEFITS FROM ALLEGATION, AND EXPRESSED HOPE
THAT WEST GERMAN RADIO WILL ACCURATELY REPORT ON CHAD
FIGHTING, AN INTERNAL AFFAIR IN WHICH LIBYA IS "NOT
INVOLVED IN ANYWAY."
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